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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 65**  
**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE**  
**NECESSARY FUNDING FOR BASIC LIFE-SAVING ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT**  
**THAT PROTECTS THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES**  
**MILITARY SERVING IN IRAQ.**

**WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States**  
**military are fighting valiantly to secure a troubled country**  
**that is in the midst of violent ethnic and religious strife;**  
**and**

**WHEREAS, counterinsurgency missions, combat in Iraq's**  
**grinding desert sands and the enemy's use of roadside bombs**  
**have taken a heavy toll on the vehicles, armor kits and other**  
**equipment used by the United States military in Iraq; and**

**WHEREAS, increasing troop levels in Iraq create**  
**logistical hurdles and readiness challenges for United States**

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1 ground forces in Iraq; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States military should be given  
3 every resource to improve its ability to respond quickly to  
4 threats against the United States and lower the risk of  
5 American casualties; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the United States  
7 government to ensure that America's brave men and women who  
8 serve in harm's way be given the best equipment to fight and  
9 defend themselves;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the congress of the United States be  
12 urged to support the necessary funding for basic life-saving  
13 armor and equipment that protects the brave men and women of  
14 the United States military serving in Iraq; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional  
16 delegation be urged to vigorously support funding for  
17 vehicles, armor kits and other equipment needed to supply  
18 members of the United States military who are risking their  
19 lives in Iraq; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the president of the United States senate, the  
22 speaker of the United States house of representatives and each  
23 member of the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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